

## CITY OF SAINT MARYS COUNCIL WORKSESSION

May 5, 2008

## CALL TO ORDER

A Council worksession of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor Sally Geyer on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street. Notice of this meeting was sent to Council on May 1, 2008, posted at City Hall, and published in the Daily Press.

## ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sally Geyer, Dennis Nero, Steven Skok, Thomas Farley, Richard Dornisch, Sean Gabler, Richard Gabler, Jr., and City Manager David Greene

## VISITORS

Visitors included: Warren Stewart, Fred Haas, and Katie Weidenboerner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
April 21, 2008

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2008, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON  
AGENDA TOPICS  
Fred Haas

Fred Haas, 640 Evergreen Road, complained about the road sinking. Manager Greene stated the road was checked and that it is a pipe across Mr. Haas' driveway which the property owner needs to repair.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION  
Award of Bids:  
Polymer System  
at WWTP

The following three bids were received at 1:30 p.m. and opened at 2:00 p.m. during a public meeting held on April 10, 2008 at City Hall for a polymer system at the WWTP:

Daman-Superior LLC, Carnegie, PA... \$57,315.  
KAPPE Associates, Monroeville, PA...\$70,726.  
BissNuss, Inc., Canfield, OH.....\$79,584.

Lad Kornacki, Chief Operator WWTP, recommended that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Daman Superior, LLC in the amount of \$57,315.

Richard Gabler made a motion to accept the recommendation from Lad Kornacki, seconded by Dennis Nero, and all were in favor.

Pathway Paving of  
City Parks

The following three bids were received and opened by City staff for the Recreation Board's pathway paving of City parks during a public meeting held on April 29, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall:

Terra Works.....\$20,067.45  
St. Marys Paving Co., Inc...\$22,045.50  
Briggs Earthwork, Inc.....\$33,587.00

Manager Greene stated this is a small project which consists of miscellaneous pathway paving at Memorial, Benzinger, and Luhr Parks. The bulk of the

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work pertains to making certain facilities ADA compliant. This project is to be funded through the City's CDBG allocation. The project had a budgeted amount of \$30,000.

Tim Brennan, City Engineer, recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Terra Works, for \$20,067.45. The Recreation Board will only be meeting on Wednesday, May 7th. so to expedite the project's completion date, he is requesting Council accept the bid "contingent" on the Recreation Board's approval.

Steven Skok made a motion based on the Recreation Board's approval to award the bid to Terra Works. The motion was seconded by Sean Gabler.

Richard Dornisch commented that local companies should be awarded a bid when the amount is only a few hundred dollars difference and felt consideration should be given to local bidders.

Motion Passed

After a discussion regarding the bidding process, all were in favor to award the bid to Terra Works.

**Consider for Adoption**  
Ordinance No. 240  
re: Police Vehicles  
(\$70,000.)

Ordinance No. 240 was presented increasing the indebtedness of the City by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$70,000. for the purpose of purchasing a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor and a 2008 Ford Expedition for the Police Department.

Dennis Nero made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 240, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 241  
re: St. Dept. Equipment  
(\$200,000.)

Ordinance No. 241 was presented increasing the indebtedness of the City by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$200,000. for the purpose of purchasing a 2008 Volvo G946 Grader, a 2008 GMC Sierra 3500 HD, and a 2008 GMC TC5500 Truck for the Street Department.

Thomas Farley made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 241. The motion was seconded by Richard Gabler.

Sean Gabler questioned what the third truck was. Manager responded the TC5500 is a five ton dump truck.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to adopt Ordinance No. 241.

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Ordinance No. 242  
re: Airport Road  
Weight Limits

Ordinance No. 242 was presented removing the vehicle weight limit restrictions on Airport Rd. in the City. The ordinance amends Chapter 15, Part 3, Section 301 by "deleting" the following entry; Airport Road for the entire length, maximum gross weight of 10 tons.

Sean Gabler made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 242. The motion was seconded by Steven Skok.

Richard Dornisch questioned if Airport Road will be able to handle heavy loads. Manager responded there is a lot of heavy equipment travelling the road now and it is holding up.

Mayor Geyer asked how is it determined that a road can handle over 10 tons. Manager stated the Street Department takes core samples.

Motion Passed

All were in favor to adopt Ordinance No. 242.

Ordinance No. 243  
re: Additional Stop  
Intersections

Ordinance No. 243 was presented amending Chapter 15 Part 2, Section 213 establishing additional stop intersections. The following additions are:

- Erie Ave. intersection with Fourth Street, easterly direction
- Erie Ave. intersection with Depot Street Parking Lot, easterly direction

Richard Gabler made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 243, seconded by Richard Dornisch, and all were in favor.

#### TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Geyer suggested Trick or Treat night should be discussed. It was decided to forgo the discussion until a future meeting.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Sean Gabler was concerned about the last lot in the parking lot which shows a building on it for future development as shown on the recent map received of the parking garage. Manager stated this lot will not be developed. Mr. Gabler also stated there is a group of teenagers at Benzinger Park who are shooting "BB" guns at each other, residents, and at other kids. He noted the police are aware and are patrolling more, but maybe if parents see their kids leaving their house with a "BB" gun, they will do something about it. Mr. Gabler noted the Shade Tree Commission did a good job with the planting of trees around City Hall.

Richard Dornisch noted after reviewing the parking garage map, there is no elevator showing. He was informed that the elevator is in the center of the building.

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Steven Skok stated on Saturday, June 7th from 8:00 a.m. to noon, the Elk County Recycling Office will be holding an unwanted household medicines collection at the Elk Regional Medical Education Center on the Johnsonburg Road. This is for individuals who have unwanted prescription medicines, over-the-counter medications, vitamins and nutritional supplements, etc. to dispose of.

Richard Dornisch asked how to dispose of banned products. He was informed that a hazardous collection was held last week in the Keystone parking lot.

Thomas Farley noted the soccer fields at the airport look great and that there is a lot of activity going on. He also asked about all the work going on at the present time. The Manager stated detention ponds are now being built. Sanitary sewer lines and underground electrical lines will go across the airport along the road and come back out of the ground for the industrial park. Water lines will also be constructed underground. Trees have been removed for an access road.

Richard Dornisch asked the status of the Jackson Road Bridge. Manager stated all the material is on site and that work should proceed shortly.

Mayor Geyer asked what the time line is for Industrial Steel to relocate. The Manager stated everything should be done by the end of May and that it will take three weeks to move so sometime in June they should be moved in.

Mayor Geyer read a letter received from the Brockway Vol. Hose Company thanking the City of St. Marys and the Police Department for help and support on Thursday, April 3rd, during the tragic house fire in Brockway.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Geyer made the following announcements:

- Next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- City's Spring Clean-up day will be held on May 17th from 8:00 to 2:00 p.m. Electronics can be taken to the electronics recycling center located in the Stackpole complex.

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ADJOURNMENT

Thomas Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Mayor

Shirley Dicklas  
Recording Secretary